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Twelfth Meeting

Summary record of the 20th meeting
Held at Headquarters, New York, on Tuesday, 16 December 2008, at 3 p.m.

Chairperson: Mr. Pramudwinae ..... (Thailand)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child as amended by General Assembly resolution 50/155 (*continued*) (CRC/SP/40 and Add. 1 and 2)

1. **The Chairperson** recalled that in the first ballot held at the 19th meeting, only five candidates had obtained the required majority. Accordingly, a second ballot, restricted to the nine candidates who had obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot without having obtained the required majority, had been held at that meeting in order to fill the remaining four vacancies on the Committee.

2. *The results of the vote taken by secret ballot were*:

Number of ballot papers:	188
Number of valid ballots:	188
Number of representatives voting:	188
Required majority:	95
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Al-Asmar (Syrian Arab Republic)	100
Mr. Guráň (Slovakia)	95
Ms. Villarán de la Puente (Peru)	93
Ms. Varmah (Mauritius)	86
Ms. Zammit (Malta)	76
Ms. Jean-François (Haiti)	72
Ms. Moosa (Oman)	71
Ms. Linares Cantillo (Colombia)	65
Mr. Konis (Cyprus)	61

3. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Al-Asmar (Syrian Arab Republic) and Mr. Guráň (Slovakia) were elected members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.*

4. **The Chairperson** said that since fewer than four candidates had obtained the required majority, a third ballot, restricted to the four candidates who had obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot without having obtained the required majority, would be held to fill the remaining two vacancies.

5. *At the invitation of the Chairperson, Mr. N'Gbichi (Côte d'Ivoire), Ms. Carvalho (Portugal) and Ms. Li (Uruguay) continued to act as tellers.*

6. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	180
Number of valid ballots:	180
Number of abstentions:	2
Number of representatives voting:	178
Required majority:	90
Number of votes obtained:	
Ms. Villarán de la Puente (Peru)	104
Ms. Varmah (Mauritius)	91
Ms. Zammit (Malta)	72
Ms. Jean-François (Haiti)	71

7. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Villarán de la Puente (Peru) and Ms. Varmah (Mauritius) were elected members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.*

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8. **The Chairperson** declared the Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child closed.

The meeting rose at 4.15 p.m.